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## *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

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**TO:** Each electric utility, transmission and distribution utility, power generation company, retail electric provider, municipally owned utility, electric cooperative, and ERCOT, Inc.

**FROM:** Barksdale English, Division of Compliance and Enforcement

**DATE:** March 22, 2022

**RE:** **Projects Nos. 51841 and 53385**  
Filing of Emergency Operations Plans and Related Documents under 16 TAC § 25.53

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On February 25, 2022, the Commission adopted new 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.53 requiring each electric utility, transmission and distribution utility, power generation company, retail electric provider, and electric cooperative to file with the Commission an emergency operations plan and related documents no later than April 15, 2022. Municipally owned utilities must submit their emergency operations plans and related documents no later than June 1, 2022. Filings must meet the substantive and procedural requirements of the new 16 TAC § 25.53.

Commission Staff opened Project No. 53385, *Project to Submit Emergency Operations Plans and Related Documents under 16 TAC § 25.53* for entities to file the required documents beginning in 2022 and continuing each year as required by the rule. Questions may be directed to MacKenzie Nunez by email at [mackenzie.nunez@puc.texas.gov](mailto:mackenzie.nunez@puc.texas.gov).

In addition, Commission Staff conducted an informal workshop on the requirements of the newly adopt 16 TAC § 25.53 on March 11, 2022. At that meeting, Commission Staff committed to providing additional guidance regarding annual drills conducted by a third party. Commission Staff's guidance on whether a drill conducted by ERCOT or another third party would satisfy the requirements of the rule is as follows:

If a drill conducted by a third party offers an entity an opportunity to deliberately exercise portions of its emergency operations plan, then that drill satisfies the requirements of 16 TAC § 25.53(f). For the requirements of subsection (f) to be met, the entity must actively participate in and test its own procedures during the drill irrespective of whether the third-party drill requires the entity's procedures to be concurrently practiced.

